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As tribal economies continue to grow and native populations are experiencing unprecedented economic growth, it becomes important to develop strategies for successful tribal enterprise.

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Also included in this important conference are many stories of tribal economic growth and successes.

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Keynote Presentation by Rep. John McCoy!



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3rd Annual Emerging Northwest Tribal Economies ~ Seattle, WA

Thursday, July 12, 2007

TRIBAL ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES

8:30 Welcome and Opening Remarks

Lael R. Echo-Hawk, Esq., Program Co-Chair
The Tulalip Tribes of Washington

Gabriel S. Galanda, Esq., Program Co-Chair
Williams Kastner & Gibbs PLLC

8:45 Federal & State Legislative Update: Tribal Issues & Opportunities

Martin C. Loesch, Esq., LLM
Swinomish Indian Tribal Community

Casey Sixkiller, Exec. VP
McBee Strategic Consulting LLC

9:45 Keynote Address: Diversifying Tribal Economies

Rep. John McCoy

*WA State House of Representatives, 38th Legislative District,
General Manager, Quil Ceda Village*

10:15 Break

10:30 Strategies for Successful Tribal Enterprise Development & Protection

Business and Sovereignty Lessons from Recent Tribal Commercial Litigation, including *Wright vs. CTEC*

Gabriel S. Galanda, Esq.

James "Rit" Bellis, Esq.

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

Bruce E. Didesch, Esq.

Colville Tribal Enterprises Corporation

Michael Taylor, Esq. (Invited)

The Tulalip Tribes of Washington

12:00 Lunch (on your own)

1:15 Government Function vs. Commercial Activity: What are the Sovereignty Implications?

Essential Governmental Functions; ERISA; Tax-Exempt Bonds; *San Manuel Ruling*

Richard A. Guest, Esq. (Invited)

Native American Rights Fund

1:45 Tribal Labor & Employment Developments

Legal Strategies Post-San Manuel; Proactive Tribal Employment Solutions

Lael R. Echo-Hawk, Esq.

Judd H. Lees, Esq.

Williams Kastner & Gibbs PLLC

Gyasi Ross, Esq.

Port Madison Enterprises

2:45 Break

3:00 Construction in Indian Country

Contractor, Surety and Tribal Perspectives; Sovereignty Issues; Bonding

Kristi D. Favard, Esq.

Groff Murphy Trachtenberg & Everard PLLC

Matthew Mattson, Tribal Administrator

Snoqualmie Indian Tribe

4:00 Understanding & Utilizing Federal Contracting Programs/Opportunities

Federal Contracting Preferences, SBA 8(a) and Mentor/Protege; HUB Zone Status; DOD Opportunities

Meredith Edwards

Northwest American Indian Development

4:30 Questions and Answers

Members of the Faculty

Friday, July 13, 2007

TRIBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & DIVERSIFICATION

9:00 Welcome and Introductions

Lael R. Echo-Hawk, Esq., Program Co-Chair

The Tulalip Tribes of Washington

Gabriel S. Galanda, Esq., Program Co-Chair

Williams Kastner & Gibbs PLLC

9:10 Tribal Economic Diversification Success Stories

Tribal Leader Perspectives

Leonard Forsman, Chairman

The Suquamish Tribal Council

Les Minthorn, Treasurer

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Melvin R. Sheldon, Jr., Vice Chairman

The Tulalip Tribes of Washington

10:30 Break

10:45 Policy Perspectives of Emerging Tribal Economies

Challenges and Rewards

Craig Bill

Governor's Office of Indian Affairs

Lyn D. Dennis, Executive Director

Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians

Sen. Claudia Kauffman

WA State Senate, 47th Legislative District

11:45 Questions & Answers

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THE SEMINAR GROUP ~ FACULTY

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Lael R. Echo-Hawk, Program Co-Chair, is the reservation attorney for The Tulalip Tribes of Washington. She provides legal advice and representation in civil litigation, including employment, gaming, cultural and natural resources litigation.

Gabriel S. Galanda, Program Co-Chair, is an attorney at Williams Kastner & Gibbs PLLC. His practice focuses on complex, multi-party Indian Law and gaming litigation representing Indian tribes.

Rep. John McCoy, Keynote Speaker, Washington State Representative for the 38th Legislative District, also serves as general manager of Quil Ceda Village in Tulalip, Washington and chairman of the National Caucus Native American State Legislators.

James "Rit" Bellis is a reservation attorney for the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation. His practice focuses on litigation, gaming, and resource-related issues.

Craig Bill is Director of the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs. He previously served as Director of Intergovernmental Affairs for the Office of the Tribal Chairman at the Lummi Nation tribal government.

Lyn D. Dennis is the Executive Director of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians.

Bruce E. Didesch currently serves as the CEO of the Colville Tribal Enterprise Corporation. Previously, he assisted the Kalispel Tribe in opening the Northern Quest Casino.

Meredith Edwards is a procurement specialist with Northwest American Indian Development, an organization committed to helping communities progress toward self-sufficiency.

Kristi D. Favard, Groff Murphy Trachtenberg Everard PLLC, practices complex commercial litigation, construction law, and Indian law. She was named a "Rising Star" by *Washington Law & Politics* in 2006.

Leonard Forsman has served as chairman for the 930-member Suquamish Tribal Council since 2005.

Richard A. Guest is a staff attorney with the Native American Rights Fund. He has represented Indian tribes on a broad range of issues in federal, state and tribal forums.

Sen. Claudia Kauffman of the 47th District, Washington State Senate, serves as Intergovernmental Affairs Liaison for the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe.

Judd H. Lees is a member with Williams Kastner & Gibbs PLLC and chairs the firm's Labor & Employment practice group. He was named a "Super Lawyer" by *Washington Law & Politics* in 2006.

Martin C. Loesch is a tribal attorney, responsible for intergovernmental affairs for the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community. He is actively involved in legislative efforts.

Matthew Mattson is a Tribal Administrator for the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe. He also provides pro bono legal support to the Friends of Living Oregon Waters (FLOW) and serves on their Board of Directors.

Les Minthorn serves as Treasurer of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

Gyasi Ross, a member of the Blackfeet Nation, is associate general counsel for Port Madison Enterprises and the current secretary/treasurer of the WSBA's Indian Law Section.

Melvin R. Sheldon, Jr. is Vice Chairman of the Board for The Tulalip Tribes of Washington. His long-term goals include helping the tribe meet the challenges of retrocession.

Casey Sixkiller is Executive Vice President of McBee Strategic Consulting LLC, a government relations and business consulting firm in Washington, D.C.

Michael Taylor is a reservation attorney for the states of Washington, California, New Mexico and Oregon, with The Tulalip Tribes of Washington.

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